

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Chen for the indication that Claims 41-43, 46-51, and 57-60 are allowed in the above-identified application.

During a review of the Examiner's amendment entered October 6, 2004, Applicants noted a misplaced "comprising" appearing in Claims 46(a). Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a suitable amendment to Claim 46 to remove the misplaced "comprising" in section (a) of this claim. No new matter has been introduced by the present amendment.

Applicants also request that the Examiner provide acknowledgment that the references cited in the International Search Report filed on December 26, 2000, have been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the International Search Report as filed on December 26, 2000, along with a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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